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SUBJECT:

Proposed RICID on Foreign Language ~~Information~~ *material*

Attached are two for consideration at a meeting in my office on Monday, 5 December, at 2:30, two alternative drafts of an RICID which grew out of our discussion last week of an RICID on Foreign Language ~~Information~~ *material*.

The following comments may be useful in your consideration of these alternative drafts:

Comment 1: Both of these drafts are based on Section 340, but each could have the specific provisions referenced to specific subsections of 102. The major difference between the Alternatives arises from the use of the conception of "service of concern concern." ALTERNATIVE A is based on the notion of delegating the handling of foreign language materials as a service of concern concern (i.e., the exclusive responsibility of CIA) and then stating an exception or, to put it in other words, handing back (but presumably with some control) portions of that total delegation. This is comparable to the language used in RICID 5 and RICID 7. ALTERNATIVE B indicates that of the total handling of foreign language materials, a portion is initially to be retained by the Departments and Agencies, and a "remainder" to be discharged by the Agency as a service of concern concern. This is comparable to RICID 6 on Scientific Geographic Intelligence. (As a matter of interest, the use of "service of concern concern" in RICID 13 does not bear a direct resemblance to either of these.)

Comment 2: Each of these drafts makes reference to "foreign language materials." "Documents" is a vague term, but implies that there are limited copies in existence. It would be expected that there would be great difficulty in coordinating the procurement of documents although such things should be, and, in fact, are today, exchanged within the community, although frequently CIA is frustrated at the fact that they are not available for the researcher or for shortlisting by DDCI in time to serve their needs.

It should also be noted that in carrying out this draft, CIA would be very much interested in identifying the English translations of foreign language materials in order that no abstracts or translation would be required.

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Segment 1: ALTERNATIVE B refers to the Agency carrying out a "primary" responsibility. This is identical language with NMID 8 and the phrase "as a primary responsibility" is used because it is not envisaged that the "exclusive" responsibility for items 2.a. and 2.b. can be assigned to the Agency. It will probably be necessary and desirable for the agencies to continue to maintain for their peculiar needs personnel to make extracts, summaries, and abstracts of foreign publications and to provide library facilities for these materials. If one conceives of the totality of these functions, it is proposed in ALTERNATIVE B here that a segment be assigned as a service of common concern, but not the whole of it. 2.a. and 2.b. - no comment.

Segment 2: ALTERNATIVE B provides that the Agency should ensure the continuation of CIA's activities with similar activities maintained by the Departments and Agencies to meet their own needs. Here it is expected that there will be continuation and improvement of such things as the Consolidated Translation Survey, and consultation among the units engaged in paragraph 2.a. to obtain greater efficiency and reduce duplication. It would also mean consultation among the libraries for the purpose of refining their individual techniques and perhaps agreeing to disseminate certain indexing in favor of the utilization of a central index.

Segment 3: ALTERNATIVE B provides that the Agency should be notified of and have access to foreign language materials available to departmental intelligence agencies. A major step in the handling of foreign language materials would be to insure that there is a central place which is aware of all foreign language materials of interest to intelligence which has been received by the Government intelligence agencies. In the case of the military NMID is currently satisfied that nothing is being held out from them. However, in the case of the State Department it is the practice to devote some of the energies in procurement to civilian needs and civilian agency needs at the expense of intelligence interests. On the basis of such notification it would be possible for CIA to request that, upon receipt of certain of such publications, the State Department would turn them over to CIA for foreign language treatment prior to dissemination to civilian agencies or civilians. Paragraph 2 of ALTERNATIVE A would mean that the agencies would, in fact, send to the Agency all foreign language materials received, except those which upon notification were agreed should be "exclusively" required for departmental intelligence. It should be recognized that paragraphs 1.a. and 2 of ALTERNATIVE A leave open for future determination substantial questions to be resolved through agreement.

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